



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

1:00 PM

Audio for the Entire Meeting. (16-4984)

Attachments: [Audio](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (16-4342)

Co-Chair Fox called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Present: Aaron Fox, Wendell Llopis, Manal J. Aboelata, Al Ballesteros, Michelle Anne Bholat, Jason Brown, Jean G. Champommier, Rex Cheng, Catherine Clay, Phil Dao, Herman DeBose, Larry Gasco, Bridget Gordon, Christopher Ige, General Jeff, Andreas Jung, Jack Kearney, Enrique Peralta, Lawrence Reyes, Frances Todd, Bennett W. Root and Reba Stevens

Absent: Hildy Aguinaldo, Jacob Bailey, Tasha Dixon, Jun Goeku, Gavin Koon, Victor Marrero, Brenda Martinez, Claude Martinez, Theodorah Mckenna, Aldys Ramos, June Simmons, Pat Stewart-Nolen, Carolyn Watson and Imani Williams

2. Election of Co-Chairs. (16-4570)

Co-Chair Fox explained the election process and indicated that each member received a ballot on which members will write the names of two members from the slate of nominees for IAB Co-Chairs; nominees with the top two votes will be elected Co-Chairs. Co-Chair Fox also clarified that ballots are not “secret ballots” and will become part of the meeting record subject to public records request. On motion of Member Reyes, seconded by Member Champommier, Chair Fox opened the floor for nominations.

On motion of Member Stevens, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, Member Al Ballesteros was nominated for Co-Chair. Member Ballesteros accepted the nomination and his name was added to the slate.

On motion of Member Reyes, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, Member Manal Aboelata was nominated for Co-Chair. Member Aboelata declined the nomination.

On motion of Member Brown, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, Member Bridget Gordon was nominated for Co-Chair. Member Gordon accepted the nomination and her name was added to the slate.

On motion of Member Gordon, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, Member Reba Stevens was nominated for Co-Chair. Member Stevens declined the nomination.

On motion of Member DeBose, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, Member Frances Todd was nominated for Co-Chair. Member Todd declined the nomination.

On motion of Member DeBose, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, Member Catherine Clay was nominated for Co-Chair. Member Clay accepted the nomination and her name was added to the slate.

On motion of Co-Chair Llopis, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, Member Christopher Ige was nominated for Co-Chair. Member Ige accepted the nomination and his name was added to the slate.

Members who accepted the nomination and were interested in serving as Co-Chairs introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their experience and affiliations, and stated why they accepted to be Co-Chairs of the IAB.

IAB members submitted their two choices for Co-Chairs and staff tabulated the results. After tallying the votes, the Co-Chair Fox announced the following for the record and submitted for approval:

Number of Votes Received

Al Ballesteros	15
Bridget Gordon	12
Catheryn Clay	6
Christopher Ige	8

After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, Members Al Ballesteros and Bridget Gordon were elected Co Chairs effective the next IAB meeting by the following vote:

Ayes: 21 - Co-Chair Aaron Fox, Co-Chair Wendell Llopis, Manal J. Aboelata, Al Ballesteros, Michelle Anne Bholat, Jason Brown, Jean G. Champommier, Rex Cheng, Catherine Clay, Phil Dao, Herman DeBose, Larry Gasco, Bridget Gordon, Christopher Ige, General Jeff, Andreas Jung, Jack Kearney, Enrique Peralta, Lawrence Reyes, Frances Todd and Reba Stevens

Absent: 15 - Hildy Aguinaldo, Jacob Bailey, Tasha Dixon, Jun Goeku, Gavin Koon, Victor Marrero, Brenda Martinez, Claude Martinez, Theodorah Mckenna, Aldys Ramos, Bennett W. Root, June Simmons, Pat Stewart-Nolen, Carolyn Watson and Imani Williams

3. Responsibilities of the Integration Advisory Board to serve as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, and to report on a semi-annual basis for two years, on the impact (positive or negative) of the Health Agency ongoing Departmental activities and operations and on achieving the County's health-related priorities.

Brandi Moore, Principal Deputy County Counsel (16-4837)

This Item was taken after Item No. 6.

Dr. Mitchell Katz, Director, Los Angeles County Health Agency (LACHA), thanked the IAB for its work and introduced Sandy Banks, a former Los Angeles Times columnist, who will be serving as a liaison between the community and the LACHA bringing in information/recommendations from the public and other stakeholders (groups such as the IAB) to the LACHA. Ms. Banks provided her email address, sandy.banks2016@gmail.com, and indicated she is not yet an official Los Angeles County employee, but is available to meet on an individual basis or with small groups to bring back to Dr. Katz any concerns, recommendations, or feelings of the community on the integration. Dr. Katz further added the following:

- The LACHA recently submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), and the BOS was pleased with its progress. Dr. Katz acknowledged Dr. Li for providing the IAB with copies of the report.
- The LACHA was created by design with no staff or budget, as the idea of the integration was not to create a layer of bureaucracy. The vision of LACHA was to provide a concerted effort together and collaborate together to enhance the delivery of services to County residents.
- The BOS created the IAB to convene an unbiased group of smart and objective individuals to represent the full spectrum of County residents, as there was a perception that the creation of the LACHA was not a good idea.
- Dr. Katz indicated that he envisions three levels of reporting opportunities for the IAB. The first level would provide an opportunity for the IAB to indicate to the BOS that the integration is not working and should return to the three County Departments of Health Service (DHS), Mental Health (DMH) and Public Health (DPH), or that the integration is working. The second level would allow the IAB to submit recommendations, to the BOS, LACHA and the three Departments, on what is working in the integration and what needs to be improved. The third level would allow the IAB to submit a few top recommendations from the IAB that the LACHA and IAB can work on together to make them happen.
- The IAB should take into account that there is no separate budget for the LACHA and recognize that some recommendations may be easier to implement than others, based on available funding. Dr. Katz recommended that the IAB coalesce and identify a few top recommendations to the BOS, as opposed to a long list of recommendations, which would yield a better probability for implementation.
- The BOS' top priorities include Homelessness, Diversion, and Consumer Protection.

Ms. Brandi Moore, Principal Deputy County Counsel provided a brief overview of the August 2015 motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich that created the LACHA and also created the IAB as an advisory body to the BOS, and added the following:

- The IAB was charged with reporting back to the BOS at least semi-annually for the two years of the structured existence of the IAB; there was no specifics as to date and timing for the reports, as reports are to be done semi-annually.

- The reports by the IAB were to encompass what the IAB felt as either positive or negative impact of the LACHA on the ongoing work of the three health-related Departments (DHS, DMH, and DPH), and on achieving the County's health-related priorities.
- There were BOS approved priorities that were presented by the Steering Committee when creating the LACHA; The IAB was charged with looking at the positive and negative in moving towards implementing these priorities.
- The IAB purpose is to review the work of the LACHA and oversee how the priorities are implemented. The IAB purpose is not to set or create any new priorities, but rather to see how the LACHA is going to integrate the work of the three Departments in achieving the goals that the BOS approved.

Ms. Moore encouraged the IAB members and Subcommittees to meet with LACHA Strategic Priority Workgroups; seek information to prepare reports; have an ongoing dialogue; and share the IAB's subcommittee reports with the Workgroups for feedback. Ms. Moore also reiterated that the Strategic Priority Workgroups' meetings are not Brown Act meetings, and therefore, not open to the public and IAB members. Co-Chair Fox indicated that IAB subcommittees could arrange a meeting with the LACHA Strategic Priority Workgroups through a request to Commission Services Staff.

Dr. Katz, Brandi Moore, and Dr. Li responded to questions by the IAB members.

Members of the public, Bradley Land, Ruth Hellman, Patricia Russell, and Tiffany Duvernay, addressed the IAB members.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection this item was received and filed.

4. Approval of the August 24, 2016 meeting minutes. (16-4344)

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the IAB approved the August 24, 2016 meeting minutes by the following vote:

Ayes: 21 - Co-Chair Aaron Fox, Co-Chair Wendell Llopis, Manal J. Aboelata, Al Ballesteros, Michelle Anne Bholat, Jason Brown, Jean G. Champommier, Rex Cheng, Catherine Clay, Phil Dao, Herman DeBose, Larry Gasco, Bridget Gordon, Christopher Ige, General Jeff, Andreas Jung, Jack Kearney, Enrique Peralta, Lawrence Reyes, Frances Todd and Reba Stevens

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5. Approval of the meeting dates for the months of October, November and December 2016 and discussion of the 2017 meeting schedule. (Continued from the meeting of 8-24-16) (16-4128)

This Item was taken after Item No. 2.

By Common Consent, and there being no objection, the IAB approved the following meeting dates for 2016:

- **October 26, 2016**
- **November 30, 2016**
- **December 28, 2016**

Discussion and approval of the 2017 meeting schedule was continued to the next IAB meeting.

II. REPORTS

6. Subcommittee Reports by Chair of Subcommittees and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Continued from the Meetings of July 27, 2016 and August 24, 2016). (16-3946)
- Implementation of the Expanded Substance Use Disorder Benefit
 - Pilot Projects
 - Impact and Framework
 - Access to Care and Information System/Electronic Records Sharing
 - Homelessness
 - Cultural and Linguistically Competency
 - Diversion for Correctional Inmates to Prevent Re-entry into Correctional System
 - Vulnerable Children and Transitional Age Youth
 - Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
 - Guiding Principles and Mission Statement

By Common Consent, and there being no objection, the IAB took the following actions:

- **Received and filed the report by the IAB's Subcommittee on the Implementation of the Expanded Substance Use Disorder Benefit, presented by Subcommittee Chair, Reba Stevens, Members Jack Kearney, and Bridget Gordon. Members Gordon and Kearney reported that this Subcommittee has been meeting since June 9, 2016 and have conducted research to assist with the findings and information contained in their presentation. Discussion will take place at a future IAB meeting as to whether recommendations from this report will be included in the 2nd Semi-Annual Report by the IAB to the BOS.**
- **Took no action on the framework document developed by Member Hildy Aguinaldo, lead for the Pilots Project Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Co-Chair Fox indicated that no additional input by IAB members was received since the document was presented at the last IAB meeting held on August 24, 2016.**
- **Took off calendar the report (questions for the LACHA) developed by the Impact and Framework Subcommittee led by Member Christopher Ige. Member Ige indicated that LACHA has provided some responses to the questions and that item will be brought to the full IAB at a future IAB meeting.**

Public speakers on this item were Ruth Hollman, Tiffany Duvernay and Mark Karmatz.

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III. PRESENTATION

7. Presentation on Priority 5 - Diversion of Corrections-Involved Individuals to Community-Based Programs and Services.

- Peter Espinoza, Director, Office of Diversion and Re-entry
- Kristen Ochoa, Medical Director, Office of Diversion and Re-entry.
(16-4343)

Judge Peter Espinoza, Director of the Office of Diversion and Re-entry (ODR), and Dr. Kristen Ochoa, Medical Director of ODR, provided a brief self-introduction and overview on the development of the ODR, the ODR goals, and reported the following:

- **The ODR was created by the BOS and is housed in the Department of Health Services (DHS). Key partners of the ODR include the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Probation, Sheriff, and Housing for Health, as well as, justice partners from the Los Angeles County Superior Court – the judges from the courts, the Office of the District Attorney, the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender, and various community partners.**
- **The ODR was created in response to the District Attorney’s report known as the “Blue Print for Change,” to the BOS that made ground breaking recommendations on how to approach the issue of the mentally ill and people with substance use disorders who are in the County jail.**
- **The population of the County jail hovers approximately 17,000 inmates every day, of which approximately 4,000 are mentally ill, and is one of the largest jail systems in the country.**
- **The mission of the ODR is to develop and implement county-wide criminal justice diversion for persons with mental and/or substance use disorders, including persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Diversion and re-entry goals will be focused on providing and coordinating services for at least 5,000 people over a three-year period through a variety of initiatives.**
- **One of the initiatives that is very important to the ODR, includes the “Prefiling Diversion” which involves the use of a sobering center that is soon to open in “Skid Row,” later this year, as well as the use of Urgent Care Centers for individuals who are mentally ill and come in contact with law enforcement agencies.**
- **The Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial Program (MIST) is a very important priority for Dr. Mitchell Katz, Director of LACHA. The MIST population are persons with serious mental disorders, often the most**

impaired in the jail system and community. ODR is working collaboratively with many partners to aid this population through the MIST Community-Based Restoration Program. To date, ODR has been working collaboratively with many partners including the DHS and DMH, and has provided linkages and services to approximately 202 of 210 MIST individuals who were in the County's jail system since ODR was created in October 2015.

- The ODR Housing Programs began on August 1, 2016 and to date 106 referrals were received through a flexible and nimble process by various channels such as law enforcement, prosecutors, and the defense bar. Since August 1, 2015, 33 individuals who were released from jail have been diverted into housing with treatment.

Public Speaker on this item was Patricia Russell.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the Integration Advisory Board received and filed the report by the ODR.

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IV. DISCUSSIONS

8. Discussion on the Integration Advisory Board's 2nd bi-annual report to the Board of Supervisors. (Continued from the meetings of July 27, 2016 and August 24, 2016.) (16-3483)

Due to the lack of a quorum and time constraints, the IAB continued the following item to the next IAB meeting.

9. Health Agency Update
- Dr. Alexander Li, Deputy Director, Linkage, Los Angeles County Health Agency (16-4590)

Due to the lack of a quorum and time constraints, the IAB continued the following item to the next IAB meeting.

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10. Discussion and action on the baseline metrics for the Eight Strategic Priorities, presented by Dr. Alexander Li, Deputy Director, Linkage, Los Angeles County Health Agency, at the May 18, 2016 Integration Advisory Board meeting. (Continued from the meetings of June 22, 2016, July 27, 2016 and August 24, 2016.) (16-3016)

Due to the lack of a quorum and time constraints, the IAB continued the following item to the next IAB meeting.

V. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

11. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested), placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting on the authority, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-4349)

Member Lawrence Reyes announced that today's meeting is the last he will attend because he is starting graduate school. He indicated that SEIU Local 721 Union will provide information on an alternate member to fill his position.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Board. (16-4350)

There was none.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the September 28, 2016 meeting. (16-4351)

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.